

Dismissal Hymn of the Martyrs. Fourth Tone
Be quick to anticipate

THEY martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demon's strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

Kontakion of the martyrs. Fourth Tone
Thou Who wast raided up

THEY that scorned all things in the world as corrupted * and found the gifts that nothing ever corrupteth, * behold they died, and yet corruption touched them not. * Wherefore, after many years * once again they all rose up, * burying all unbelief * of malicious revilers. * Ye faithful, let us laud the seven youths * with hymns of praise on this day, while extolling Christ.





**The Seven Holy Youths of Ephesus Maximian, Jamblichus,
Martinian, Dionysius, Anthony, Exacustodian, and Constantine
Whom the Holy Church celebrates on October 22.**

The Seven Youths hid themselves in a certain cave near Ephesus in the year 250, to escape the persecution of Decius. By divine grace, a sleep came upon them and they slept for 184 years, until the reign of Saint Theodosius the Younger, when the doctrine of the resurrection was being assailed by the heretics. They then awoke, that is, were resurrected, confirming in the sight of all the bodily resurrection; and again after a short time, by divine command, they reposed in the Lord in the year 434.